



Hanover Area PROBUS Club

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President – Brian Ross

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Second Vice President – Betty Perkins

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Membership – Lorna Eadie Hocking and Jan Stocovaz

Communications - Allan Simpson

Activity Group Chairs – Georgia Kreager and Mary Norwood.

Greeters and Hospitality – Mary Norwood, Fern Pepler and Betty Perkins

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Welcome back! A new year with PROBUS has begun.

According to Lorna, our Membership co-chair, based on the count at our first general meeting for 2015-2016, paid-up returning members numbered 124. Eleven new members also signed up. It's great to talk with so many folks who are old friends as well as those who are becoming familiar faces, from Walkerton, Cargill, West Grey, and of course Hanover.



Albert Bonneveld is one of the returning members, renewing his membership with Betty Perkins, Mary Norwood, and Lorna Eadie Hocking.

President Brian Ross welcomed everybody back and made new-comers feel welcome. Fern Pepler had greeted members at the door. Brian asked members to introduce their guests. Amongst others, Susan Sakal introduced Perry and Christy Mount, Lorna introduced a PROBUS friend, Sandra Wallace, from Shediac Cape, New Brunswick, Sharon Bryan introduced Adele Bentivegna, Mary Zettler introduced Tracey Neuman, Barb Craig introduced her neighbour Fran Schaus, and Brian Ross introduced Barbara Smith recently arrived from Burlington. Bernice Frook and Sonja Scriven were also introduced.



Lorna's Suggestion Box : Would you like the half hour social break

lengthier to permit more conversation or shorter? Opinions vary. You might like to make your feelings known to somebody on the Management Team.

Mona Duffy has suggested that we hold a barbecue for our Club members next June or in the summer in the Hanover Park.

Suggestions were given for upcoming guest speakers: an authority dealing with Power of Attorney, wills, living wills, estate planning, avoidance of Probate tax, etc. Another topic could be the use of service dogs and St. John's Ambulance therapy dogs. Other suggestions are welcome. Don Smith and Pat Butler will also accept your suggestions.

Upcoming events of interest sponsored by non-profit organizations: Some of these started up in September such as "Living a healthy life, dealing with arthritis, chronic pain, strokes, mental health" - free of charge at Grace United Church. Join the square dancers and keep fit at Holy Family School. Be part of the hillbilly golf tournament to support the Deck (Youth for Christ). Larry of Honda is offering a \$5,000 prize to the first golfer to score a hole in one. Wow!

In October you are welcome to attend any of the Grey Bruce Film Society offerings at Hanover's Paramount Theatre: "A Walk in the Woods" based on Bill Bryson's novel of the same name, on Sunday October 18th. "What we did on our Holidays" on Sunday November 1st. These are films which were featured at last year's Toronto International Film Festival. Cost of admission is \$10.



Above are Chair of activity groups Georgia Kreager and folks chatting during the coffee break and signing up for upcoming Interest or activity groups. Facilitators answered questions of those interested in signing up for an activity. Members will be given this opportunity again

during the coffee conversation break at the October General Meeting. Brian Ross reminded members to sign a liability waiver form, valid for all of the activities in which you participate this year. It would be a good idea to carry personal ID information and health card when participating. We were also reminded that it is PROBUS policy that no member should profit financially from involvement in any activities offered.

Brian's "Joke of the month" dealt with the professed atheist, out for a walk in the woods who was eventually pinned down by a voracious grizzly bear. His exclamation, "Oh my God!" at the point of being devoured, led to an interesting conversation with the Almighty.

Brian Ross read a **list of candidates / volunteers** who are letting their names stand for positions on the Management Committee for this upcoming year. You have all received on line the nomination forms and information about nominating a member. Elections will be held at the October General Meeting if two or more candidates have volunteered for the same position. At this point, most of last year's MC members are allowing their names to stand. They are as follows: Margaret Peckham for President, Betty Perkins for 1st vp, no name for 2nd vp, Jan Stocovaz for secretary, Lorna Eadie Hocking for treasurer, Allan Simpson for communications, Mary Norwood for hospitality, Georgia Kreager for activity groups, Don Smith and Pat Butler for program organizers, Evelyn Dargie for greeters, and Brian Ross for membership chair as well as automatic past president.



Above is President Brian Ross with our **guest speaker** at the September meeting, Cheryl Cooper, author of [Come Looking for Me](#) and [Second Summer of War](#), both of which are novels set during the War of 1812. Cheryl's books were on display and for sale at the conclusion of the meeting, and will soon be available through the Hanover Public Library. Cheryl had spoken the previous day in Ottawa and had travelled to Hanover from Bracebridge for her presentation. An accomplished speaker and riveting historian, she kept us spell bound recounting her aspirations and prolific creative writing as a teenager, the rebuffs, the criticisms, and, nevertheless, the everlasting drive to research history and write novels. In her own words, "I was drawn to writing like to a plate of chocolate chip cookies."



Diane McNichol thanks our guest speaker

Jack Lisenchuk introduced our guest speaker, having researched her education degrees, her teaching experience, her involvement in publishing houses, tutoring, counselling and working with youth and the hearing impaired. The honour of thanking Cheryl Cooper was ably and warmly expressed by Diane McNichol.

Cheryl recounted one of the catalysts to her present series of books, set during the War of 1812; it was the film “Master and Commander” starring Russell Crowe, set during the Napoleonic wars in 1803, just two years prior to Nelson’s victory at Trafalgar. Visiting Nelson’s flagship, The Victory, in Portsmouth, England, spurred her creative juices into concrete detailed descriptions of battleships engaged in battles on the Atlantic during 1812-14. Naval museums in Halifax, San Diego, and Fort Moultrie in Charleston again stoked her creative fires. The books of Jane Austen immersed her in the language and feel of the times.

The author engaged our own curiosity by probing our own knowledge, and Al Morrow’s in particular. Through her research she tossed out to us, for clarification, such naval expressions as the following: the coast is clear, hand over fist, a loose cannon, to be scuppered, between the devil and the deep blue sea, that son of a gun, and Davy Jones’ locker.

Another tidbit of information dealt with the writing of the American national anthem during this war, “The Star Spangled Banner”. This boisterous anthem found its origins in an old drinking song and was not officially adopted as the American anthem until 1931.

Thanks to her extensive research, these novels will no doubt delight the reader with the historical veracity and interesting details she has brought to light. You too might get hooked on the War of 1812, a war that played an important role in the evolution of Canada from British colony to a confederation in 1867, designed to protect the remains of British North America from America’s “manifest destiny”.

Photography Group - will meet Friday, October 16 at 9:00 a.m. More details will be sent to those whose names are on the Photography Group list.

Guest speaker at our October 14th meeting: Craig, MacDonald, Reddon Insurance



Are you prepared? Have you reviewed your insurance coverage for property damage? How much insurance do we need? The world is changing. Severe weather events are getting worse and occurring more frequently. Hailstorm damage in Alberta in 2010 cost \$400 million. Flooding in Toronto in 2005 cost \$500 million. The 1998 ice storm in Quebec inflicted \$5.4 billion in damage. Did you know that insurance claims for weather events in Canada have doubled every 5 to 10 years since 1980? How are insurance companies dealing with these increasingly



expensive claims?

Be prepared.

Next General Meeting: In the Lions' Den, P&H Centre on Wednesday October 14th, usually the second Wednesday of the month. Renewal of memberships continues at this meeting as well as signing up for activity groups. Meeting begins at 10 a.m. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for registration and membership renewals.

Next Management Committee meeting: In the Classroom in Hanover's P&H Centre, on Tuesday October 8th. Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.